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In re Application of

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Application No.: 10/533,780

PCT No.: PCT/EP2003/11297

Int. Filing Date: 13 October 2003

Priority Date: 05 November 2002

Docket No.: 095309.56273US

For: DEVICE FOR LOCKING A TANK AND

METHOD FOR MOUNTING A LOCKING **DEVICE**

DECISION ON

PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

This decision is in response to "Request For Corrected Filing Receipt," filed in the abovecaptioned application on 25 October 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 13 October 2003, applicants filed international application no. PCT/EP2003/11297, claiming a priority date of 21 May 2004. A copy of the international application was transmitted to the Office by the International Bureau on 21 May 2004. The thirty month deadline for payment of the basic national fee in the United States was midnight, 05 May 2005.

On 04 May 2005, applicants submitted a transmittal letter for entry into that national phase in the United States accompanied by the basic national fee.

On 06 December 2005, the Office mailed Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) was required.

Applicants filed a declaration of the inventor. It was accorded a receipt date of 26 February 2006.

On 12 June 2006, the Office mailed a Notice of Acceptance, indicating that the application had a 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) date of 26 February 2006 and a 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements completion date of 13 April 2006.

On 25 October 2006, applicants submitted this petition under 37 CFR 1.181, accompanied by a copy of a declaration, a postcard receipt for the declaration stamped "06 February 2006" and request for a corrected filing receipt.

DISCUSSION

Applicants have provided a postcard receipt date-stamped by the Office and listing the declaration. The copy of the declaration is accepted as having been received on 06 February 2006, rather than 26 February 2006, with which it was stamped.

Further, the Notification of Acceptance does not list the priority claim information, which resulted in an incorrect listing of the "date of completion of all 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements". That date should be 06 February 2006, as should the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181 for a corrected filing receipt is **GRANTED**.

The Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 12 June 2006 is **VACATED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage processing division of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing consistent with this decision. The application has a 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of 06 February 2006.

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